## LEGAL NOTICE

On <u>December 6, 2021</u>, the <u>Commissioner of Agriculture</u>, upon application of <u>John Alves</u> of <u>41 Bryan</u> <u>Road</u>, <u>Branford</u>, <u>CT 06405</u> will lease to the highest responsible bidder, shellfish grounds in <u>Branford</u>, Application <u>21-06</u>, a tract totaling <u>20.7</u> acres, and is bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of former Lease 341, Branford, whose Lambert Projection coordinates are X=574,716.5 feet and Y=147,221.5 feet; thence North 60 degrees, 37 minutes and 57 seconds East (Lambert Grid) 2,165.00 feet; thence South 48 degrees, 21 minutes and 57 seconds East (Lambert Grid) 345.3 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 286; thence South 41 degrees, 38 minutes and 03 seconds West (Lambert Grid) 1,031.3 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 286; thence South 87 degrees, 51 minutes and 38 seconds West, 1,454.1 feet, to the point of beginning.

By submitting a bid, bidder acknowledges that these grounds are leased to applicant solely for the purpose of planting, cultivating and harvesting shellfish. The bidder further acknowledges the bidder must have a valid Shellstock Shipper Harvest License within twenty (20) days of notification by the Department of Agriculture that a lease will be offered to the bidder and must maintain the license throughout the term of any lease. The bidder acknowledges that bidder may not use the leased lands for any purpose not herein specified, and bidder is the sole party in interest. A responsible bidder may not be in arrears to the state for taxes or upon debt or contract and may not be in default as surety, contractor, or otherwise on any obligation to the State. The form and terms of the lease for application No.21-06 is posted on the Department's website.

The apparent highest responsible bidder that has received a written award notice for any lease with an annual payment greater than \$5,000, must also, at or before the time set by the Department for signing the lease, deposit with the Department a surety company bond for [2/3] of the lease payments due for the term of the lease as security for payment of the lease rent and performance of the covenants of the Lease Agreement. The surety must be a corporate surety licensed to sign bonds in the State of Connecticut. The bond must be valid and in effect throughout the term of the lease and for a period of ninety (90) days after the termination of the lease and of any renewal of the lease. The Department may use said bond to pay same or as security to collect same.

Sealed bids marked "Bid on Application No<u>.21-06"</u> will be received up to <u>10:00 A.M.</u> on <u>December 6, 2021</u>, at the Bureau of Aquaculture, P.O. Box 97, Milford, Connecticut 06460 and must include one year's rental payment. **Bids will be opened on December 6, 2021 at 10:15 A.M.** The lease term will be for three years. No bid will be accepted for a bid fee less than \$4.00 per acre. Bidding forms may be obtained at the Bureau of Aquaculture office, telephone 203-874-0696.

Dated at Milford, Connecticut, this the 1st day of November, 2021.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DAVID H. CAREY, DIRECTOR for BRYAN P. HURLBURT COMMISSIONER